

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

JOHN TAYLOR,
Plaintiff

v.

**SUPERINTENDENT KEVIN
RANSOM, et al.,**
Defendants

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No. 1:22-cv-02070

(Judge Rambo)

ORDER

AND NOW, on this 31st day of January 2023, upon consideration of pro se Plaintiff John Taylor (“Plaintiff”)’s complaint (Doc. No. 1), and in accordance with the accompanying Memorandum, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Plaintiff’s motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. No. 2) is **GRANTED**, and his complaint (Doc. No. 1) is **DEEMED** filed;
2. Plaintiff shall pay the full filing fee of \$350.00 based on the financial information provided in the application to proceed in forma pauperis. The full filing fee shall be paid regardless of the outcome of the litigation;
3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) and (2), the Superintendent/Warden or other appropriate official at Plaintiff’s place of confinement is directed to deduct an initial partial filing fee of 20% of the greater of:
 - a. The average monthly deposits in the inmate’s prison account for the past six months, or
 - b. The average monthly balance in the inmate’s prison account for the past six months.

The initial partial filing fee shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 1148, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 18501-1148, to be credited to the above-

captioned docket number. In each succeeding month, when the amount in Plaintiff's inmate trust fund account exceeds \$10.00, the Superintendent/Warden or other appropriate official shall forward payments to the Clerk of Court equaling 20% of the preceding month's income credited to Plaintiff's inmate trust fund account until the fees are paid. Each payment shall reference the above-captioned docket number;

4. The Clerk of Court is directed to **SEND** a copy of this Order to the Superintendent/Warden of the institution wherein Plaintiff is presently confined;
5. Plaintiff's complaint (Doc. No. 1) is **DISMISSED** for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) as follows:
 - a. Plaintiff's 42 U.S.C. § 1983 ("Section 1983") claims against Defendants Center for Disease Control and Dr. Rochelle Walenski are **DISMISSED** without leave to amend. The Clerk of Court is directed to **TERMINATE** Defendants Center for Disease Control and Dr. Rochelle Walenski as Defendants from the docket of this case;
 - b. Plaintiff's First Amendment claim against Defendant Kyle Fagan, brought pursuant to Section 1983, is **DISMISSED** without leave to amend. The Clerk of Court is directed to **TERMINATE** Defendant Kyle Fagan from the docket of this case;
 - c. Plaintiff's Federal Tort Claims Act claims, 28 U.S.C. § 1346, et seq., are **DISMISSED** without leave to amend;
 - d. Plaintiff's claim seeking monetary relief on behalf of other inmates within the custody of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections is **DISMISSED** without leave to amend;
 - e. Plaintiff's remaining Section 1983 claims are **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**;
6. Plaintiff is **GRANTED** leave to amend his Section 1983 claims against the remaining Defendants, namely, John Wetzel, George Little, Kevin Ransom, J. Eyer, B. Belles, Dr. Prince, and Denise Johnson. The Court

- notes that Plaintiff should only amend his Section 1983 claims against Defendants John Wetzel, George Little, and Denise Johnson if he can, in good faith, allege their personal involvement in this Section 1983 action;
7. The Clerk of Court is also directed to **SEND** Plaintiff a form civil rights complaint;
 8. Plaintiff shall complete the form complaint and file it with the Court. Plaintiff shall title his form complaint “Amended Complaint” and include the docket number for this case, 1:22-cv-02070;
 9. Plaintiff shall file his amended complaint within **thirty (30) days** of the date of this Order; and
 10. In the event that Plaintiff does not file an amended complaint within the thirty (30) days, the Court will dismiss this action without prejudice.

s/ Sylvia H. Rambo
SYLVIA H. RAMBO
United States District Judge